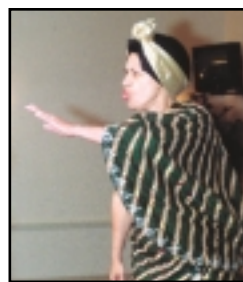




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DRMO celebrates diversity.

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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.



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## Environmental portrait

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Environmental Management Directorate took center stage at the Pentagon Wednesday during award ceremonies honoring the best environmental programs in the Air Force and Department of Defense. At a 9 a.m. ceremony, above, from left, Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, Air Force deputy chief of staff for Installations and Logistics, presents Steve Coyle, WR-ALC/EM director, with the Air Force's Gen. Thomas D. White Pollution Prevention Award. On Coyle's right is Linda Larson, WR-ALC/EM pollution prevention manager, and Nelson F. Gibbs, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics. At a 3 p.m. ceremony in the Pentagon center courtyard, Coyle and Larson accepted the DOD Pollution Prevention Award from E.C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr., under secretary of defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

## Logistician praises airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – While airmen deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom are getting most of the headlines, the officer responsible for installation support for the Air Force is praising those who have stayed behind.

Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, said that at every base that has people deployed, the mission is still being accomplished despite the lower number of available airmen.

"Those people back at home are, in fact, picking up the load for all those who have been deployed," he said. "And they are getting the mission done."

The general took an opportunity to reflect on that fact following a recent visit to Operation Enduring Freedom forward bases.

"I saw people from a given base at two or three different locations," he said. "There were no aircraft from that base deployed. When you see all those services and fuels people, (you ask) 'Who's doing that work back home?' A lot of people (there) are working harder."

"Or you see firefighters from an Air National Guard unit. There are no Guard planes from their base over there, so who's doing (their) work back home? Their comrades," Zettler said.

"And we should never forget the 11,000 people who supported Operation Noble Eagle. That's a major operation," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Roberta McDonald

Maj. Carol A. Johnson shakes hands with Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler while Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, looks on. Johnson is the commander's new executive officer. Zettler arrived at Robins Air Force Base Wednesday for a visit.

"It's coming down some now, but we had 11,000 people on duty protecting American cities," the general said. "I really think Noble Eagle could aptly be named 'Sorties Over America' because that's what we were doing: flying sorties over America for Americans, providing air cover."

"We had an awful lot of people doing that, and they're great Americans, too," he said.

## Girl Scouts send troops taste of home

By Lanorris Askew  
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Middle Georgia Girl Scouts and members of the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee are giving deployed troops a little taste of home with an old fashion favorite, Girl Scout cookies.

Wednesday, a troop of Daisies and Brownies from Robins Elementary handed out 1,300 boxes of the sweet treats to various units with members deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Chip Cherry, Macon Chamber of Commerce president and MGMAC member, said the idea for this project came about during a Girl Scout board meeting not long ago.

"We were looking for a unique way to recognize the deployed military members at Robins, and we thought this would be a great way to do it," he said.

Lee Laughter, of Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia Inc., said the funding for the project came from the Girl Scouts, MGMAC and a few others.

"We feel very strongly about the military," she said. "We have 1,100 girls in Houston County and 6,000 throughout Middle Georgia so this is very important to all of us."

Laughter said three years ago this same type of effort was made during the Yugoslav deployment.

"This is really going to boost morale tremendously," said Lt. Col. Stacy Boudreaux of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Members of the 5th Combat Communications Group, along with their commander, Col. David C. Schreck, collect boxes of cookies from Girl Scouts.

Squadron. "Knowing that they have the support of the people back home is very important. This is a very special group."

"It feels absolutely fabulous to give back," said Laughter.

Second grade Brownie Scout Marya Shone, who helped to deliver the cookies, said she thinks that what they are doing is really neat.

Though no single girl or troop can win merit badges for this tremendous effort, Laughter said, the entire Girl Scout council will receive special recognition.

To commemorate the event Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, presented Laughter and Cherry with commander's coins. They in turn presented him with a Girl Scouts coffee mug.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Megan Lawless, middle, shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, while Laura Wright looks on.

## 2002 Camellia Garden Memorial Service to honor 57 people

### Annual ceremony set for May 23

By Chris Zdrakas  
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Fifty-seven departed military and civilian members of the Robins Air Force Base family will be memorialized on May 23 at the 26th annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service.

The service, a tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce, will be at 10 a.m. at the

garden, which is across from the officers' club.

If weather is inclement, the service will be held at the Robins Chapel.

The names of the honorees for 2002 will be added to the more than 1,000 whose names are displayed on gold plaques on the garden's memorial wall.

Those to be memorialized are:

Paul Bartlett, retired Air Force Maj. Myron A. Becraft, retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Milton Carey Brand, Patsey Louise Brand, Susie "Marie" K. Byrd, Roger

Terrence Cannon Jr., retired Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 4 Johnny D. Carroll, Calvin Carter, retired Air Force Col. Raymond "Hal" Cleveland, Shirley Wynn Cook, Thomas B. Curry, Andrew Lafayette Davis, Mack Dennard Sr., Shelby B. Downs, Emory R. Fair Sr., retired Air Force Master Sgt. Cecil Farmer, retired Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Thomas F. Grabowski.

Also, Durwood M. Graham, Carl A. Hamlin Jr. retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Arthur E. "Bud" Hanks Jr., Samuel F. Hartz, Thomas W.

Hatcher, retired Air Force Master Sgt. Alfred W. Hatherley, Steven Ray Helton, retired Air Force Master Sgt. Theodore T. Huston III, Sarah Bailey Johnson, retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Terrell Otis Johnson, Alice Jones, Eugene Levenson Jr., retired Air Force Lt. Col. Claude D. Loden, Rex Logue, Anita M. McCranie.

Also, retired Air Force Col. William Murray McDonald, Juanelle T. McWhorter, Helen Hood Stribling Middleton, William Madison Mixon, retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Sidney C. Morris, James Nolan, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Malcolm T.

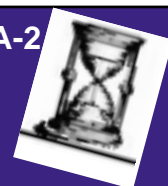
Peachey Jr., retired Air Force Master Sgt. Clyde F. Sanders, retired Air Force Col. Richard Scuderi, retired Army Capt. Richard A. Setera, Aubrey Smith, Nettie Henson Smith, Robert Johnson Smith, Charles J. Smithers, Georgia M. Stephens, Teresa Ann Stillman, John J. Thompson, Johnny C. Tucker, John Franklin Walker Sr., Marion Wesley, Buford Williams Jr., Leona L. Williams, Clyde W. Wolfe, John Edward Wrye and Robert A. Young.

Anyone with questions may call the project officer, Diane Gross, at 926-6203.

Countdown to MSEP – 51 Days

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Robins Pride – Pick it Up, Clean it Up, Make it Shine!



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5th Combat Communications Group

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51 days until MSEP

Production acceptance certification countdown begins

**Depot Maintenance Training and Quality Division**

AFMCI 21-108, Maintenance Training and Production Acceptance Certification Program, provides guidance, procedures and responsibilities for the depot maintenance PAC and training programs to ensure maintenance support and production personnel are technically qualified and proficient to perform assigned tasks.

The PAC program details the processes and procedures by which employees are certified to perform and accept completion of assigned work, which is documented

by the employee’s personal stamp on the Work Control Document. As a production employee, you should have a PAC record which is the official documentation of your qualifications and certifications.

During MSEP, inspector general inspectors will use the PAC/SSQ checklist to randomly review PAC records to ensure employees are trained and certified on their assigned tasks.

If an employee has not received the required training and/or is performing and stamping off on a task they are not certified to stamp off. It will constitute a write-up if the inspector determines there is a systemic problem

in the work area being inspected.

Employees not having required training has been a chronic shortfall for the center. Initial basic training is an area where we are trying to “catch up” to ensure our journeyman receive basic core training such as Tech Orders and Work Control Documents. We have many recurring training requirements that employees are overdue which generates decertification of employees in tasks.

Supervisors can help eliminate this problem by ensuring employees receive sufficient notification of scheduled training and enforcing their attendance.

Employees can help by attending classes when scheduled.

Tasks being performed and stamped off by mechanics not certified has been a problem for us in the past, but we are getting better. Our PAC tasks identified in the PAC records correlate to the WCD’s to make it easier for an inspector to determine if an employee is certified on a task. AFMCI 21-108 requires an annual review by the supervisor and the employee of the PAC record to ensure all documentation is correct.

In our Maintenance Training and PAC Annual Assessment conducted in February, we found we were

not compliant in having annual reviews conducted in many work areas.

This could be a factor in our mechanics performing tasks they are not certified on because of their lack of awareness of their current certifications.

When periodic reviews and updates of the PAC record by the supervisor are completed, it will help ensure the employee’s record is current and accurate when the annual review is conducted.

With proper maintenance, supervisors will have current information to properly assign work to employees who are certified to perform the work.

ROBINS BRIEFS

**Base legal office closed for function**

The Robins Air Force Base Legal Office will be closed from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The office will be participating in an official function.

**MPF closed for official function**

The Military Personnel Flight will be closed at noon on May 24 for an official military function. Normal operations will resume on May 28, 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Emergency contact numbers will

be available at the MPF on May 24.

**Senior officer announcements**

Col. George R. Ireland will become chief of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center F-15 Production Division. He is currently chief of Logistics Operation Division at Stuttgart-Vaihing, Germany. He will report to Robins May 31.

Ireland will replace Col. Kenneth R. Emery who is the new director of the C-141 system program office.

Col. William R. Saunders will

become inspector general of WR-ALC/IG Office. He is currently director of staff for the 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. Saunders will replace Col. James Gutschenritter.

**Gate 4 new hours**

The 78th Security Forces Squadron has announced new hours for Robins’ commercial vehicle entrance, Gate 4.

Hours will be Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The changes were effective Wednesday.

RevUp

Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday’s paper. Contact one of the following people to get news in the Rev-Up:

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# Small businesses provide center support

## Small Business Office

Sunday through May 11 is National Small Business Week.

According to Jim Lovett, director of the WR-ALC Small Business Office, now is a good time to take stock of the contributions made by small businesses.

“Although often stated, small businesses really are the backbone of our economy, invaluable in terms of job creation, innovations, and cost savings.

“Examples of outstanding support the center receives from small firms were recently provided by several directorates, and we’d like to share them. Especially noteworthy are the contributions of Aerospace Integration Corporation, B-K Manufacturing, and Boneal Inc.,” Lovett stated.

Last fall, AC-130H Gunships were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This deployment necessitated a new capability for receiving operational video. AIC of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., was awarded an 8(a) contract for the modification.

Dubbed the Remote Operations Video Enhanced Receiver, or ROVER, this mod required AIC produce wiring and multiple flat panel displays for integration with two hatch-mounted antenna and receiver kits.

## Responding to urgency

Given the urgency, AIC began designing and building the kits at their own risk and without funding.

First and second installs were completed in December, but operational usage revealed a design problem in the government-furnished antenna and receiver kits. Once the hatch-mounted antenna was laid upon the floor, the blade antenna could easily break.

Replacement cost for the antenna was approximately \$3,500 each; however, AIC identified a smaller, low profile antenna, for hard mounting at just \$300 each. Approval for this change was granted, testing completed and remaining kits delivered in February.

The efforts of AIC; the WR-ALC Special Operations Forces System Program Office team of Barbara Kirby, Mark Garner and Wayne Masters; and Air Force Special Operations Command made ROVER a big plus in the war on terrorism.

## Using small business

In January 2001, B-K Manufacturing, a historically underutilized business zone, or HUBZone, woman-owned small business located in Arab, Ala., was awarded a \$6.5-million contract for production of the captive air training missile, or CATM-120.

The contract required first article acceptance testing consisting of dimensional inspection of all parts in the assembly, fit checks on applicable launchers, weight, center of gravity, mass moment of inertia measurements and vibration testing.

B-K passed first article test and delivered the first production assets on schedule. B-K also won a contract for CATM

Fins, their bid resulting in a 2-percent decrease plus inflation over the previous acquisition cost and delivery of assets three months before any other source.

In August, a contract for items applicable to the ARC-169 UHF high-power amplifier was awarded to Boneal Inc., a HUBZone firm located in Means, Ky. Several obstacles presented challenges to pro-

ducing the items.

First, these items — capacitor plate, contact assembly and tune cavity tube assembly — had been designated as obsolete by the Defense Logistics

Agency because the original manufacturer had stopped making them.

Secondly, none were stock listed and only part numbers and rough drawings were available. Finally, the items were difficult to manufacture, requiring close tolerances, gold plating, soldering, casting and total thickness not exceeding 0.001inches.

Following market research by Tom Robertson of the Small Business Office, the contracting officer, Dina

Inhulsen, agreed to pursue a HUBZone set-aside.

Two firms initially solicited declined to bid, citing the complexity.

Upon further discussion, Boneal made another review and subsequently provided a proposal. Using sample units, Boneal created a set of manufacturing blueprints for each. First articles were shipped one month ahead of schedule, and approval granted the following month.

Production items are also expected ahead of schedule. Diligence and teamwork on the part of Boneal, Inhulsen Robertson made this very difficult endeavor successful.

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Jim Lovett  
director, WR-ALC  
Small Business Office

# Gen. Stevenson receives equal employment award

## Honor recognizes performance at Randolph AFB

By Lanorris Askew  
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Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, was presented with the Air Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award on April 2.

Stevenson received the award for his tenure and leadership while commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, from October 1999 to August 2000. During this time, he is credited with meeting 87 percent of the base’s affirmative employment objectives and improving the representation of women and minorities in areas where under representation existed.

“I sincerely appreciate the award,” said Stevenson. “However, planting the seed of thought into those young minds, making a difference in their lives, perhaps opening

their eyes to a life-changing event; that’s what truly matters. We’re working on bringing a similar program here to Robins and we should see the initial run before the end of this school year and know it will carry on the win-win relationship Team Robins enjoys with the local community.”

Stevenson is also described as instrumental in heritage month activities planned for the base. According to the nomination packet, the base was applauded by the San Antonio Area Council of Hispanic Employment Program managers for hosting an outstanding seminar and other activities.

The packet also states in addition to his strong leadership and demonstrated interest in women and minorities, he exhibited compassion and concern for the less fortunate youth of San Antonio by providing positive role models and experiences for them through programs such as Operation Youth. Operation Youth is a program where youths were allowed to make tours of the installation.

Stevenson’s leadership and desire to improve the lives of the disadvantaged youth of San Antonio led to increased representation of women and minorities in the Randolph work force, to improved community relations, and a heightened awareness among disadvantaged youth of the benefits of education and a military career.



Stevenson

# More service members qualify for EIC

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Tax changes affecting reportable income for this year will mean more service members qualify for the earned income tax credit, said Defense Department officials.

Congress has changed the way income is figured and the way the credit is paid. Uniformed military members will be the chief beneficiaries, according to Army Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council. In the past, he said, the basic allowances for housing and subsistence and pay excluded from income due to combat zone service was included in calculating whether a person qualified for the earned income tax credit.

“This year Congress is only going to make you include the money in your taxable income,” Emswiler said. The allowances and tax exclusion won’t count as earned income when computing the credit, he noted. In addition, Thrift Savings Program contributions also will be excluded.

“What this means is that more members are going to qualify for earned income credit this year than ever did previously,” he said.

Service members with questions about the credit should visit their installation Defense Finance and Accounting Service office or legal assistance office. The Internal Revenue Service Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), can provide full details, forms and guidance. Click on “Earned Income Credit,” Publication 596; or “Your Income Tax,” IRS Publication 17; or enter “Earned Income Credit” into the site’s search engine box.

Members who believe they qualify for advance monthly credit payments this year should fill out IRS Form W-5, available at installation DFAS offices or on the IRS Web site, Emswiler said.

# Jumper stresses ‘results’ at C2ISR summit

By Chuck Paone  
Air Force Print News

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — Integration is all about focusing on and achieving war fighting objectives, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper during the command and control, information, surveillance and reconnaissance summit held April 23 to 25 in Danvers, Mass.

“It’s about results,” Jumper said. “It’s about being indifferent to the source [of the information].”

He said the time has come to stop concentrating on individual systems and to start focusing on the information they provide and on automating processing, so information is displayed intuitively. This means better decisions can be made more quickly, because operators won’t need to search for various data points and then assemble the information in their heads, he said.

“The sum of the wisdom is a cursor over the target,” he said, stressing the Air Force needs machine-to-machine interfaces delivering decision-quality data, culled from various sensors on various systems, directly to decision makers.

The general outlined a C2ISR concept of operations based on achieving specific war fighting effects. The key is to ensure war fighters have the capabilities they need to achieve those effects, Jumper said.

He also addressed the need to streamline the so-called kill chain — the things needed to find, fix, track, target, engage and assess the impact on a target. He emphasized the need to accelerate the process of striking time-critical targets — those which are mobile or which pose an immediate threat if not struck quickly. He stressed that fully automated, integrated C2ISR is what’s needed to accomplish this.

**New thinking**

Jumper said the Air Force needs to think differently if it

is to eliminate the things, such as “stove-piped” systems, that inhibit integration and keep the service from focusing on achieving results.

Putting intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance suites on tankers is an example of the new thinking that’s needed, he said. Just because it hasn’t been done that way before, he said, doesn’t mean the Air Force shouldn’t do it now.

**Change the budget process**

Integration is the ultimate example of new thinking and the budgeting process has to change to help make it happen, Jumper said. He spoke of allotting money to managers charged with accomplishing specific tasks, such as enabling the global strike task force, and allowing them to decide what systems are needed most.

“Integration is the buzzword for this decade,” Jumper said. “Many of you have heard me talk about integration many times before; all I can say to you is, you’re going to hear me talk about it again and again.”

Besides Jumper, seven other four-star generals addressed the summit audience: Gen. William J. Begert, commander of Pacific Air Forces; Gen. Donald G. Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command; Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command; Gen. John W. Handy, commander of Air Mobility Command; Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command; Gen. Lester L. Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command; and Gen. Gregory S. Martin, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

Six panels, which had been commissioned to prepare detailed roadmaps and recommendations in critical C2ISR areas, also presented their results. The panels work is expected to go a long way toward setting the agenda for Air Force enterprise integration.



U.S. Air Force photo by Linda LaBonte Britt  
Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff addresses attendees at the command and control, information, surveillance and reconnaissance summit. The summit brought together leaders from all around the Air Force for a comprehensive look at the future of C2ISR.

In all, more than 800 people attended the summit.

“It was great to see the kind of turnout we had for this Summit,” said Joe Bisognano, president of the Paul Revere Chapter of the Air Force Association. “It was obvious that there’s a tremendous amount of enthusiasm out there about C2ISR, and all indications are that this summit really helped capture and build on that enthusiasm.”

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# DRMO luncheon embraces diversity

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Showcasing and embracing diverse cultures, religions and ethnicities was the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office's goal for its multi-cultural diversity luncheon on April 26.

The program participants included representatives from Asian/Pacific heritage (Lucille Grube), African American history (Sharon Willis), Hispanic heritage (Diana Lea) and contemporary gospel (Natasha Cobbs). Another performer, "Skip" Holmes, with WNNG Radio, rounded the program with song and poetry about freedom.

"The main goal of the program was awareness," said Katie Largent, Diversity Committee chairperson. "Regardless of our differences, we are

*"Regardless of our differences, we are all the same, Americans, and if we accept these differences we can better represent our great nation."*

Katie Largent  
DRMO diversity committee chairperson

all the same, Americans, and if we accept these differences we can better represent our great nation."

Largent said the DRMO has sponsored annual programs over the past six years, but following the events of Sept. 11; the theme was changed from strictly African American culture to include others.

"The highlight of the program had to be Doctor Willis' one-person, four-character performance," said Largent. "It took the audience from pre slavery to emancipation and contemporary times. It left the audience spellbound."

Largent said the support received from Robins Air Force Base was outstanding.

"It went a long way toward making this program successful."

Danny Snow, chief DRMO Warner Robins, said Sept. 11, and the coming together of all cultures, was the genesis of the luncheon.

"We need to all remember that none of us is as smart as all of us," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Danny Snow, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office director; Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, 19th Air Refueling Group commander; and Berry Jordan, Equal Employment Office manager, make their way through the buffet line at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office's multi-cultural diversity luncheon on April 26.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Sharon Willis does a monologue that took the audience from before slavery to contemporary times. This was one of many presentations and performances at the DRMO multi-cultural diversity luncheon.

# New DEERS begins in 2003

**By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker**  
**Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON — The New Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, scheduled to begin in 2003, consolidates medical information from more than 120 different databases into a single one that will benefit not only TRICARE patients but also the providers, said an Air Force surgeon general official.

“New DEERS is really a tremendous step forward,” said Maj. (Dr.) Paul Friedrichs, operations branch chief of the health benefits and policy division at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. “It will consolidate information on eligibility, enrollment, claims processing, the primary care manager, and if enrollees

have other health insurance.”

Under the old system, the major said, the large number of databases resulted in repeated problems for patients and medical officials.

“One common example is that one database would reflect that a person was

enrolled in Region 1 while another would report that (he or she was) enrolled in Region 6,” Friedrichs said. “Similar conflicts between the various databases could occur, creating problems when a claim was processed or a person sought medical care.”

Information on patients from all of the services, including the Coast Guard, as well as Guard, Reserve and any other agency using the TRICARE health system will be included in the new database, said Friedrichs.

New DEERS is being deployed in three phases. The

first, deployed in July 2001, consolidated everyone’s enrollment information.

The second phase, deployed in October 2001, added the TRICARE for Life information to the database for senior enrollees (those older than 65) and anyone who qualified for Medicare.

Phase 3 will be deployed next year and will contain the remaining information regarding claims, data about other health insurance carried by enrollees, and additional administrative data, he said.

Friedrichs expects full implementation of New DEERS in 2003.

## AAFES announces bike recall

DALLAS (AFPN) — Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials are recalling about 103,000 Mongoose and Roadmaster mountain bicycles with Ballistic 105 front suspension forks.

The forks on these bicycles can break apart, causing riders to lose control, fall and suffer serious injury. There have been 34 reports of forks on these bicycles breaking, resulting in serious head and bodily injuries, abrasions, bruises and chipped teeth.

AAFES sold the bicycles with these forks from June 1998 through December 2000. Consumers could have received a Ballistic 105 fork as a replacement when participating in one of the previous recalls.

Brunswick Corp. is expanding the recall to include all Ballistic 105 forks sold on the Mongoose and Roadmaster mountain bicycles it manufactured — except the Mongoose A40.

The recall only includes Ballistic 105 forks installed on Mongoose and Roadmaster model bicycles manufactured by Brunswick Corp.

For more information, consumers should call Brunswick Corp. at 800-508-2762 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT weekdays, or write to the company at Ballistic Fork Recall, 3125 Commercial Ave., North Brook, IL 60062.

## AFMC transformation crucial to combat capability

**Gen. Lester Lyles**  
**AFMC Commander**

It is said that the one constant in life is change. Organizations and people either adapt to changing environments and move forward, or they become ineffective. We are part of the most potent combat force history has known. But, history has also shown us that no country may rest on its laurels.

The United States faces a world that has changed dramatically in recent years. There are new global threats to our national security. Many of these threats come from people and organizations outside formal states, people willing to use weapons of terror to achieve their ends.

Technology has increased the flow of information and access to destructive weapons. The pace of change is staggering. If there was any doubt the world has changed, that reality hit home during last September's terrorist attacks.

### Transformation underway

The Defense Department is meeting these new challenges with an ambitious effort to transform its organizations and processes. This transformation will ensure America's military forces continue to effectively secure our nation.

Despite an unprecedented war against terrorism on two fronts, the DOD is committed to this effort. If we do not rapidly transform, our leaders have warned that we risk losing the next war. This is an imperative none of us can afford to ignore.

Our Air Force is joined in the military's effort to transform. We seek to create for ourselves a significantly greater — or asymmetric — advantage over potential adversaries. Achieving this will take new operational

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**Gen. Lester Lyles**  
AFMC Commander



concepts and advances in technology. It will also require changes in our organizational structure and business practices. All of these efforts are under way, in every Air Force command including our own.

### AFMC vision

My vision for Air Force Materiel Command is to be the Air Force's first choice for solutions. We must be recognized as "world class" in all our operations. We must be innovative and proactive, effective and efficient. We must be consistently responsive to warfighter needs.

Using an integrated approach, we will seek quick results from some leading programs — called "pathfinders" — while transforming overall processes that will benefit all of us long-term.

AFMC's role in the overall Air Force transformation is absolutely pivotal. Through our mission of providing warfighting capabilities, our command integrates the Air Force's operational and business transformations. There is no way the Air Force can successfully transform without considering the technology, acquisition and sustainment support that we provide.

### Supporting the warfighter

This command is no

stranger to transformation. Over the years, our goal of providing the warfighter with combat capability has remained constant.

However, our organizations, our processes and our technologies have frequently changed. Today's transformation is a steep new path on our journey, one on which we are already embarked. The pace will be rapid and the changes radical. Expect the effects to be far-reaching.

Working closely with Air Force leadership, we are transforming our acquisition and sustainment practices to meet today's demanding environment. This will take increasingly agile acquisition processes. It will mean closer alignment of developmental and operational testing. It will also require making our depots as efficient as the best depot maintenance repair organizations in the commercial sector.

### Enterprise management

One AFMC initiative embraced by Air Force leadership and warfighters alike is enterprise management. This puts a single person in charge of a system of systems, leading to better development decisions and making it easier for customers to get solutions from a single point of contact. Enterprise management shatters information stovepipes. It dovetails perfectly with agile acquisition and other trans-

formation efforts.

We have been challenged to cut cycle acquisition time — the period it takes to go from identifying the requirements to fielding a system or capability — by three quarters. A four-to-one cycle time reduction will not be easy. It will take major increases in productivity and decreases in workload. We may need to divest ourselves of some low-payoff programs. Other prerequisites, such as the need for more stability in funding, may require support all the way to Congress.

### Spiral development

The key to a more responsive acquisition system is adopting a process of spiral development. This incremental approach to developing weapons systems produces improvements in stages.

Besides delivering capability to the warfighter more rapidly, it allows for course corrections at each stage to improve the final product. This will enable us to deliver 21st century weapons to counter our 21st century threats.

We cannot achieve this independently. Everything we do, in the science and technology, sustainment and acquisition arenas, we do for the warfighter — but we cannot do any of it without the warfighter.

Spiral development also means spiral requirements. The warfighter must work with us to ensure we understand and interpret requirements appropriately. We must share information on science and technology and which applications are feasible.

We must also play in the development of Air Force doctrine and in wargaming. Success demands a collaborative team effort between equal partners.

We are warriors supporting warriors. To help guide us through

this transformation, I have chartered a team that will formally stand up in May. It will be staffed with some of our best and brightest. They will have free rein to "think out of the box" and to develop ideas to improve the way we do business. We may not be able to implement all ideas, but we'll certainly gain a new perspective. In the interim, a working group and a transition team drawn from my headquarters staff have spent months laying the groundwork for our transformation.

### Tools for success

An equally important part of our transformation is to make life better for AFMC members. While there will be some organizational changes and many process changes ahead, I do not expect any of them to result in a loss of jobs.

Transformation is not a downsizing drill. It is a way of thinking and reacting in new ways. It is a means to inject radical improvements in the way we do business. It is about freeing talented people to use innovation and good ideas every day in working their programs.

What I expect is that AFMC employees will be able to perform their duties in a more challenging, stimulating environment.

I want to make sure that we are giving people the tools and opportunities to be more successful in the future, professionally and personally.

We will provide more opportunities for education and training. We will seek to relieve some of the burdens we have imposed upon people in terms of regulations and restrictions. Our transformed processes should mean fewer obstacles as individuals execute their missions.

I am very proud of the work each of you does on a

daily basis. Together, you power the Air Force by providing combat capability. Like your predecessors, you have created and sustained the tools for warfighter success in recent conflicts as well as today's Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. I hear how much you are appreciated constantly from the people you support.

### It's up to you

But, now is not the time to rest on our laurels. Each of us must evolve with the global environment to meet the demands of future conflicts. We must make the cultural changes required to be successful. We must continue to deliver tomorrow's technologies in today's weapon systems, faster, cheaper and better.

What I do ultimately matters less than what each of you do. I expect you to tell your leaders and me what is needed to improve every facet of our operations. This transformation encompasses every aspect of our mission, from science and technology, through acquisition and test, to sustainment. It will also impact our enabling support processes. Let us know how we can help you better accomplish your jobs. We cannot transform without you.

Ours is an organization with a long history of successful adaptation to change, and I am confident that AFMC's people are up to the challenge.

The threat is real. The imperative is urgent. While many questions remain, our course is charted. Today's ambitious effort to transform will yield new improvements to the combat capability that America's warfighters rely on.

I am excited about the opportunities ahead, and I urge you to share that enthusiasm — or at least to keep an open mind. Our Air Force and our nation depend upon it.

## Commanders' Action Line



**Col. Bonnie Cirrincione**  
**Commander 78th Air Base Wing**

*Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.*

*To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>.*

*Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.*



**Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam**  
**Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center**

### Aerating the greens

**Q:** I wish to register a complaint about the condition of the greens at the base golf course. I participated in a tournament a few days ago and the greens were in terrible shape. Someone has tried to aerate the greens, but the aerification was not done well. Aerification is necessary, but the sand should be raked into the holes, not just scattered on the greens. Otherwise, the course is being maintained quite well.

**A: Col. Cirrincione responds:** Hopefully, everyone's golf score is equally impacted by the greens and future tournaments will remain fair to everyone. Your concern does give me the opportunity to comment on our grounds maintenance practice to the golfers of Robins Air Force Base. Aerification has four purposes: it fights compaction; helps remove thatch; allows grass roots to grow deeper in the soil; and improves drainage. Our aerification is more visible than that of other courses because the core plugs we take out are wider and deeper than

other courses. This is because we have the oldest greens in the area and they do not have proper drainage. In the three years we have been doing this, our greens have been some of the best in the area. Unfortunately, recovery of our greens after aerification takes three to five weeks. The purpose of top dressing is not to totally fill in the aerated holes, but to replace a portion of the compacted soil with loose sand to improve drainage. We apologize that during this time you have to play on greens that are less than desirable, but such is necessary. If anyone would like more information on our maintenance practices, call the golf course and set up an appointment with the golf course manager or greens superintendent.

### Motorcycle training

**Q:** I park in the parking lot west of Bldg. 231. This also happens to be the parking lot that the 78th Security Forces Squadron teaches their motorcycle training course. The 78th SFS distributed slips of

paper stating they were going to teach a class on a certain date, and that they were requesting that the personnel who park in this lot park somewhere else. This lot is fully utilized, and given the recent battle staff directive on parking, I think it will be overflowing soon. Many people in Bldgs. 300 and 301 utilize this lot. The 78th SFS have closed this parking lot before, which created further strain on our already overcrowded base parking situation. Can the class be moved to the weekend or to a deserted parking lot on the other side of the base?

**A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds:** I'd like to thank you for taking the time and initiative to address a concern that impacts many people. The timing is very good as this is an issue we have recently started to examine. Your concerns are the very same we share and have been working to resolve.

Since Sept. 11, parking throughout the installation has changed dynamically as vehicles are pushed away from buildings to make clear zones. This alone has increased the vehicle density in parking lots that

were previously more accessible. On March 14, Brig. Gen. Larry Stevenson accompanied members of my safety staff to review the present site of motorcycle testing and discuss alternatives. Consideration for Saturday testing was discussed, but not well received by the instructors. Our instructors are volunteers with family lives as well, and, like many of us, the weekends are for activities with their children. We continue to look at alternative locations for the motorcycle training, but it is a difficult process. A motorcycle range is approximately the size of a football field. The sheer physical space required for a range this size, limits where we may hold training. Additionally, we want to coordinate with the various agencies that may be impacted as a result of this once a month training requirement, and seek their support in permitting us to use their adjacent facilities. We are diligently working to identify another location for the motorcycle testing range. I solicit your patience and understanding as this issue is worked to a mutually beneficial result for all parties.



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Sheri Wetekam, a judge at the Earth Day 2002 Art Contest, looks at Sarah Hunt's bag, which won first place for the first grade.

### Art contest winners

- First place**  
Kindergarten: **Elizabeth Boulanger**  
First Grade: **Sarah Hunt**  
Second Grade: **Malcolm Wheeler**  
Third Grade: **Jennifer Camarillo**  
Fourth Grade: **Amanda Sablan**  
Fifth Grade: **Kayla Carter**  
Sixth Grade: **Ashley Thompson**
- Runners up**  
Kindergarten: **Essence Hopkins and Kurtis Beachy**  
First Grade: **Thomas Winans and Olivia Brown**  
Second Grade: **Kira Wilson and Undria Seaton**  
Third Grade: **Jessica Wright and Rachel Little**  
Fourth Grade: **Justin Farris and Holly Zimmerman**  
Fifth Grade: **Nick Greene and Courtney Johnson**  
Sixth Grade: **Josh Shell and Ricky Rebstock**



This family of ducks was among the many sights seen by Dr. Bob and the bird watchers who joined him on April 20.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

## EM helps Robins AFB celebrate the environment



A group of bird watchers joined Bob Sargent, also known as Dr. Bob, to view the local wildlife, primarily birds, found on Robins Air Force Base.



Jim Frere putts on the 18th hole green at the Earth Day Golf Tournament on April 25 at Pine Oaks Golf Course.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Crayton  
Women participate in the tree planting. The annual Robins Historical Forest tree planting was held on April 24. The ceremony included an Arbor Day proclamation and Robins Air Force Base's latest Tree City USA presentation.



The Robins Air Force Base Environmental Awareness Fair gave the Robins AFB community a chance to learn about animals, pollution, recycling and caring for the environment.

At left, kindergarten students from Bleckley Primary School check out a display at the environmental fair.

At right, Victoria Powell holds Diamond the Ferret while Sharon Wilhelm, from the Spalding Nature Center, looks on. Wilhelm is holding a snake.



## Robins hosts tech expo

The Robins Air Force Base Technology Expo will be held Wednesday at the Robins Officers’ Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All personnel may attend.

More than 25 exhibitors will be on hand demonstrating the latest computer hardware, software and services. Some featured technologies are digital warehousing, collaboration tools, workflow management, storage management solutions, network internal connectivity, enterprise Web content management, information assurance, knowledge management, network management services, hardware and software. There is no fee to attend, and complimentary refreshments will be served. Giveaways will be available while supplies last.

For more information, e-mail Megan Joy at joy@ncsievents.com.

## TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.

### Friday

**Robins Report:** 8 p.m. – News from around base.

**Around Robins:** 8:30 p.m. – On this week’s Around Robins, outdoor recreation is planning a deep sea fishing trip. There’s also information about a new van for use by outdoor recreation. The base pools are opening soon and Robert Willis gives the hours of operation and how to sign up for swimming lessons. Lindy Kurtz, base dietitian has the healthy heart tip for the week, find out about the big job fair coming up and see the car of the week.

**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – This week’s Inside Robins features interviews with the director and personnel of the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate.

### Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**  
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

### Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**  
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

## LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

- **Alonzo Bryant**, Technology and Industrial Support Directorate. Point of contact is Bobby Jones, 926-4410.
- **Robert Rogers**, C-141 System Program Office. Point of contact is Dan English, 926-5696.

*Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.*

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

*Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.*  
*Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.*

**Today — Blade 2 (R)**  
Starring Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson.

After an accident triggers the deadly “Blood Tide” human/vampire warrior, Blade must find a way to reverse the process and save the world which has been completely overrun by vampires. (strong pervasive violence, language, some drug use, sexual content)

**Saturday — E. T. (PG) Matinee show at 1:30 p.m.**  
Starring Henry Thomas and Dee Wallace-Stone.

Left behind by companions, an alien is rescued from adult pursuers by Elliott, who hides him at home. This secret is too good to keep for long and when his brother and sister become part of the scheme anything can happen. (language and mild thematic elements)

**Saturday — Showtime (PG-13)**  
Starring Robert DeNiro and Eddie Murphy.

Two very different police officers, a straight-laced, no-nonsense type and showboating, outlandish rookie with attitude are forced to work together as stars of a new reality-based TV show. (action violence, language and some drug content)

*\*\* No one under 17 admitted to Rated-R movies without an accompanying parent.*

#### Clarification

There was some misleading information on the Planner last week concerning Animal Rescue and Kindness. The group has volunteers that are military members, but was not created nor is it run by the military or Robins employees. Also, ARK has no federal assistance. ARK is open to anyone that wants to help animals. The contact phone number was incorrect. The numbers to call are Cathy Taylor at 922-8486 or Virginia Waller, ARK president and founder, at 923-4926.

## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

### OSC to hold luncheon

The Robins Officers’ Spouses Club is having a luncheon on May 16 in the Robins Air Force Base Officers’ Club. Scholarship winners for this year will be announced at 11 a.m. To make reservations, call: A-M, Brenda Wilson 929-4181; N-Z, Cathy Taylor 922-8486; permanent, Elizabeth Davison 971-1670.

### Kindergarten, pre-K registration

Kindergarten and preschool registration will be held Wednesday at Robins Elementary from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents of children who will be attending kindergarten or the half-day 4-year-old program in the 2002-03 school year should plan to attend.

All kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. All preschool students must be 4 years old

on or before Sept. 1.

For both registrations, parents should bring child’s birth certificate, certificate of immunization from the base hospital or local health department, and certificate of ear, eye and dental examination from the base hospital. All documents are required before school begins.

### CGOA to hold picnic

All company grade officers at Robins Air Force Base may attend the Company Grade Officers’ Association picnic at 1 p.m. Saturday at Friendship Pavilion. Direct questions to the CGOA social director Rob Kurtz at 926-7697, ext. 183.

### Top 3 looks for new members

Senior noncommissioned officers, and SNCO selects, working for any Robins Air Force Base units, may join

the Robins Top 3 Association. Anyone interested in joining or in need of more information should attend the next meeting at 3 p.m. on May 16 at the Robins Enlisted Club

### Commissary closing

The Robins Air Force Base Commissary will be closed Sunday for a store reset. The store will reopen Tuesday at 9a.m. Questions may be addressed to Larry Danforth, store director, at 926-3390.

### Museum needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities. For additional information, contact Judy Blackburn at 926-4242 or 926-6870.

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Club Scholarship

The Air Force Services Agency is sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program. All club members and their dependents are eligible to submit an essay of 500 words or less addressing the topic “Air Force Clubs – How to Continue the Tradition.” Entrees must be submitted to services marketing, Bldg. 1011, by July 15. See the services Web page at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) for complete details.

### Veterinary Clinic

Next week is National Pet Week. The Robins Veterinary Clinic will offer discounts on selected pet products such as HomeAgain microchipping. By bringing pets in for free weighings, pets will be entered in drawings for free Revolution and other prizes. Call the clinic for more information. These activities and offers are available to active duty and retired military.

### Base Restaurant

The base restaurant has returned to normal operating hours, serving breakfast 6-10 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Smith Community Center

Smith Community Center is seeking interested chess players to form a club in conjunction with the newly formed Air Force Chess Program. All adult and youth base ID holders are eligible to take part in this chess club.

All United States Chess Federation members are encouraged to participate.



Active duty USCF members are eligible to participate in the Air Force and NATO chess tournaments. Call Dale Hawkins at the community center for more information.

The community center will hold its annual bed race on May 31 at 11 a.m. Entry deadline for teams is on May 17. An entry fee of \$15 per five-person team includes a T-shirt for each member. Call the center to sign up and for more information.

### Enlisted Club

Enjoy Cinco de Mayo festivities at the club Saturday. Be the first one to break the piñata and have a chance to win \$100.

A Mother’s Day buffet will be offered 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 12. Cost is \$8.95 for members, \$10.95 for nonmembers and \$3.95 for children. Reservations are recommended.

A Preferred Plus! membership dinner will be offered on May 15, 6-8:30 p.m., at the club. This meal is complimentary to members and costs \$5 for guests and \$10 for nonmembers.

### Officers’ Club

A Mother’s Day buffet will be offered 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 12. Cost is \$10.95 for members and their spouses, \$5.95 for children ages 5–12 and complimentary for children younger than 5.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

### Sponsorship training

The center’s Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123. The training provides information on what types of information to send to the member making the permanent change of station and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and sponsors are given vital information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Advance registration is required.

### Base and community tour

The center is sponsoring a base and community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting at the center.

Participants will have an opportunity to visit and tour the Robins Family Support Center, Skills Development Center, and the Physical Fitness Center.

The tour includes a “windshield” tour of Macon’s downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant in Macon. People will pay for their own lunch. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

### Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group meeting will be Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the base chapel annex.

This monthly lunch meeting is an opportunity for military single parents to network and form a support base. Advanced reservations are not required. Lunch is provided.

## Frequently asked questions

**What happens when my family needs to use the emergency room?**

In the event of an emergency, (defined as loss of life, limb, eyesight, or undue suffering), call 911 or go to the closest Emergency Room. If you are unsure if the condition is an emergency, consult the “Taking Care of Yourself” handbook, available at the TRI-CARE Service Center, Bldg. 702, 329-3000. If you are unsure, and it is after duty hours, you can contact a nurse at the Health Care Information Line, at 800-333-5331, or the Primary Care Manager on call, at 327-7850. During duty hours contact the clinic in which you are seen most, through the appropriate numbers or the HCIL line. PCM’s can give medical advice and/or authorization to go to the ER. For more information, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#EMERGENCY%20Room>.



### Interviewing 102

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a class on interviewing skills and follow-up Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 123. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

### CSB/REDUX

The personal financial program is offering a class on the \$30,000 bonus with reduced retirement pay, also known as CSB/REDUX, on May 10, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg 905, Room 127. Individuals that initially entered military service Aug. 1, 1986, or later will be offered the career status bonus at approximately their 15th year of service.

Taking that bonus will result in reduced retired pay. Thus, the decision whether or not to accept the bonus may be one of the most important decisions of a career. This class will explore the options in detail to help people make informed decisions based on

## Robins splashes in pool season Memorial Day weekend

### Service Marketing

Base pools will open on May 25 six days per week from noon to 7 p.m.

For maintenance: Crestview pool is closed Mondays; the officers' club, Tuesdays; and the enlisted club, Thursdays.

The outdoor exercise pool at the fitness center is open from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 6

p.m., Saturday, and closed Sunday. The Rasile indoor fitness pool is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week and closed the first and third Sunday of each month for maintenance.

Swim lesson registration begins on May 15 at equipment

rental, Bldg. 986. Lessons will take place at Crestview pool. Classes will be held June 11-21; June 25-July 5; July 9-19 and July 23-Aug. 2. Cost for "Mommy & Me" toddler class (ages 2 and 3) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4-13)

the cost is \$40 per child.

A pool may be reserved for private parties for \$50 per event plus \$10 per hour per lifeguard with a minimum of two lifeguards.

There are two important changes of which the pool staff would like patrons to be aware.

All patrons must have a valid base ID or pool pass.

Visitors may obtain passes at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. Also, only Coast Guard-approved personal floatation devices are authorized during recreational swim. Water wings and noodles are only

authorized during private pool parties.

For a complete list of pool rules, visit the services Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) or call Robert Willis, aquatics director, at 926-4001 for additional information.

## FITNESS MONTH

During May Fitness Month points will be awarded for various fitness events and daily workouts. For every 20 points earned, participants will be entered in drawings for various prizes such as a T-shirt or a trip to Jamaica or the Bahamas. Pick up a punch card at the center.

See the services division Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) for a complete calendar of events.

✓ Today – 11:30 a.m.; fitness fundamentals lunch seminar at the Health and Wellness Center

✓ Saturday – 12:30-2:30 p.m.; women's self-defense class

Week two challenge: Participate in President's Sports Award Program.

✓ Monday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; push, pull, dip competition

✓ Tuesday – 10 a.m.; power walking clinic with intro to par course

✓ Wednesday – 11:30 a.m.; basic nutrition lunch seminar at the Health and Wellness Center

✓ Thursday – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: back screenings

✓ May 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; introduction to the weight room

✓ May 11 – 9 a.m. to noon; aerobathon with T-shirts and prizes

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Johnson tops qualifier list

Phil Johnson, 78th Communications Squadron, shot a one-under-par 70 on his way to a 27-hole 108 total to win the Jacksonville Qualifier April 27 at Pine Oaks Golf Course.

Johnson (70-38) topped the list of four qualifiers and two alternates selected to represent Robins Air Force Base at the 38th Annual Southern Military Invitational Golf Tournament at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., May 6-9.

Mike Ashby, 93rd Maintenance Squadron, shot a 75-38 for a 113 total, followed by Daniel Langevin, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, 74-40 (114) and David Bentley, 93rd Air Control Wing, 79-38 (117). Alternates Chris Danko, 78th Medical Group, 79-36 (115) and Steve Wimmer, 653rd CLSS, 85-36 (121), will attend if one of the qualifiers can't make the trip.

### Pine Oaks Golf Course 926-4103

A family fun night is slated for 5 p.m. Saturday. Cost of \$30 per couple includes nine holes of golf, golf cart, dinner and prizes. Cost of \$5 per child 6 to 12 years of age includes supervised golf activities and dinner.

# Awareness, intervention help prevent suicide

**Chaplain (Capt.)  
Jamie Braswell**

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for active duty Air Force personnel, surpassed only by unintentional injury.

Awareness of suicide and the risk factors associated with it are key to the prevention of such loss of life and its traumatic consequences for our families and our communities.

A misconception about suicide is that it occurs with little or no warning, when in fact there are often many clues that someone may be in distress or at risk. The most commonly associated factor with suicide in the Air Force is problems in intimate relationships, including marital and dating relationships.

Other high-risk factors include abuse of alcohol or other substances, financial and legal problems, few social ties or loneliness, prolonged unmanageable stress and feelings of depression or worthlessness.

### Talking helps

Another misconception about suicide is that those who talk about suicide will not do it. A key signal of distress is obsessing or talking about death, dying and violence as well as purchasing firearms or other weapons.

Once a person has developed a plan to take his or her life there is a much greater risk of success. Other significant signs that someone may

### Helping on Robins

**What:** Applied suicide intervention skills training  
**When:** June 20-21  
**Where:** Base chapel.  
**To sign up:** Contact the family support center at 926-1256.

be in need of assistance include withdrawing from friends and family or suddenly making amends with others, sudden changes in behavior, loss of interest in work or usual activities and giving away possessions.

Talking about suicide with someone will not necessarily give the person the idea to harm himself. Conversing with a person who is considering suicide is among one of the most helpful things you can do.

Most people contemplating suicide are seeking an end to the emotional pain they are experiencing, not an end to life. Talking with them may open doors to assistance to help them through their distress.

### Getting help

The key to the prevention

of suicide is early intervention. Seeking assistance for ourselves and encouraging others to do the same when having difficulty coping helps prevent more serious problems from developing. Robins Air Force Base offers numerous sources of assistance using the integrated delivery system, which includes the life skills support center, chaplains, Family Advocacy, family support center, supervisors and leaders.

If serious warning signs are present, including threats of suicide with a plan, do not leave the person alone, call 911 or seek emergency services immediately.

### Everyone can help

The prevention of suicide

lies with everyone within the Air Force community. Reaching out to one another builds strong communities and families and ultimately saves lives.

In an effort to equip more people with the skills to intervene on behalf of one contemplating suicide, applied suicide intervention skills training will be offered June 20-21 at the base chapel.

Those interested in being trained should sign up by contacting the family support center at 926-1256.

*Editor's note: Cindy Graver and Bridget Zimmerman helped write this article. Some information was also provided by the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program.*

# HONOR ROLLS

**The Avionics Management Directorate announces its second quarter achievers.**

**Matilda Clark**, Avionics Software Engineering Division, was named Avionics Achiever. Clark leads a team of three junior engineers in the software sustainment effort for the AC-130H Control Display Unit Operational Flight Program. This role requires software development performances; consultation with the user,



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Courtesy photo

Brittany C. Robinson lives with cerebral palsy. Her mother, Master Sgt. Cynthia L. Cummings, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 78th Medical Group's Optometry Clinic, is taking her to Poland for treatment. Cummings is hoping the Euromed Rehabilitation Center's special form of therapy will help her daughter learn how to walk.

# Military mother traveling to Poland for therapy for daughter

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A military mother whose daughter suffers from a neuro-muscular disorder, is taking the 3-year-old to Poland for rehabilitation therapy that could bring to life muscles crippled by cerebral palsy.

Master Sgt. Cynthia L. Cummings, non-commissioned officer in charge of the 78th Medical Group's Optometry Clinic, is hoping the Euromed Rehabilitation Center's special form of therapy will help her daughter, Brittany C. Robinson, learn how to walk. Brittany was born prematurely at 25.5 weeks and suffered a hemorrhage, causing an abnormal accumulation of fluid in the brain. The condition has a name — hydrocephalous.

Cummings said the cerebral palsy has delayed her daughter's ability to walk, talk and develop like other children in her age group.

"Eventually, she will be able to walk, talk and function normally, but to what extent is still not known," she said.

Cummings chose the Polish rehabilitation center because it was less expensive than the only facility in the United States licensed to offer the special treatment. Costs at the Michigan facility are \$6,000 a week; at the Polish facility, \$6,600 for 29 days, including room, board, two meals a day and a team of 10 doctors and therapists.

Cummings went through the Robins Air Force Base channels to have a special fund-raising effort approved to help defray the expenses. Checks payable to Brittany C. Robinson may be mailed to Cummings' address — 416 Dunmurry Place, Warner Robins, Ga. 31093 — or deposited at any SunTrust Bank office to Brittany C. Robinson, account number 3628597308.

Birttany has many physical problems. The pressure on her brain created her cerebral palsy, which affected the right side of her body, Cummings said.

The child doesn't talk, except for the word "mom," or walk, but can do a sort-of combat crawl dragging her legs behind. Both Cummings and Brittany's teachers believe she comprehends what she hears, but they aren't sure to what extent. They base their belief on the flicker of recognition they see in the child's eyes.

"Brittany laughs, flips pages in books, puts blocks in and out of buckets," Cummings said. "She likes the sound when the blocks fall."

Brittany's cerebral palsy is a relatively mild case, her mother said. The problems doctors had anticipated the child would encounter have not developed. However, she has only minimal control of her hands and no control of her legs. She crawls around the house and pulls herself up; at school, she gets around in a wheelchair.

"Brittany eats all the regular foods everyone eats," Cummings said. "We had to get her used to textures. At first, she didn't want hard or mushy food. Now she eats everything."

Brittany undergoes physical therapy every week and attends a special education program at Pearl Stephens Elementary School in Warner Robins for three hours three times a week. When she is not in school, she is in the Robins Childcare Center group for 2-year-olds.

"The kids enjoy Brittany and look out for her," Cummings said. The same is true of Brittany's sister, Michelle, 15, who Cummings described as "a very good caretaker ... my right hand."

Cummings left for Poland Thursday and will return on June 4. The therapists will try to trick Brittany's mind into using muscles she doesn't know she has.

"Any improvement with Brittany would be wonderful for me because she is trying to use her legs," Cummings said. "It's really, really hard because her legs stay extended all the time. Doctors expect that she will walk at 7 or 8. We are trying to get her muscles relaxed to the point she realizes she can use them. If that happens, we can avoid surgery altogether.

"We expect the therapists will help her with coordination and also with her speech. She says 'Mom,' but we have to pull it out of her. To me, it's like she doesn't realize she has a voice.

And how is the mother doing?

"I think I've taken it all pretty well and accepted it. I realized she will become whatever she's going to become. I intend to give her all the help she needs to keep her normal. I have put my faith in God. My faith has kept me going, and I have had a lot of support from my friends."

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contractors and other OFP leads to provide problem analysis, cost estimates, and recommendations for the customer, Warner Robins Special Operations Forces System Program Office.

**Dina Inhulsen**, Contracting Division, was named Avionics Achiever. Inhulsen is a contracting officer in the communication/navigation branch. Her procurement efforts for ARC-190 High Frequency radio equipment showcased her ability to quickly implement appropriate contracting methods. A key indicator of the commitment to building long-term relationships with customers is response time.

**Ronnie L. Shivers**, Avionics Production Division, was named the Avionics Supervisor of the Quarter. Shivers has vast corporate knowledge of the management and operation



Inhulsen

of the F-15 Radar Production Section. He provides support to the branch, division, directorate, air logistics center and the customer. Shivers provides the highest planning, scheduling, quality and other administrative support to the F-15 production shops.

**The Technical Order Support Team** of the Avionics Engineering Division was named Avionics Achievers Team of the Quarter. The team is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 3,700 technical orders. They developed a plan to update all Avionics Management Directorate T.O.'s by this November. The team has taken possession of technical orders traditionally stored at equipment specialists' desks and is conducting a complete review and update. The team's efforts have resulted in better, more current technical data to support the war fighter. Team members are: **Tammie Corley, Melvin Mosley, Debra Britt, Mike Crocker, Donna Haponek, Cynthia Jacobs, Paula Cochran, Catherine Alford, Sunni Lehman, Virginia Jones, Ben Beachboard, Wilton Simoneau, and Levern Keels.**